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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))**

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**SMALL ENTITY**☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)**NOT Small Entity**

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**MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))**

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition.

**STATEMENT**

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT THE DELAY IN PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE TO THIS PATENT WAS UNINTENTIONAL

PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

**THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SIGNATORY OR SIGNATORIES**

37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

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